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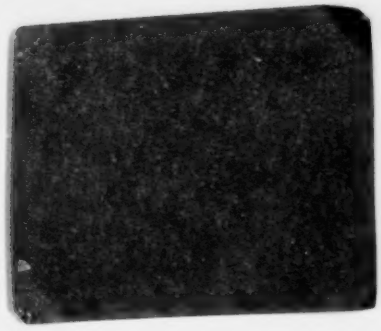
I have the honour to forward to you a message from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation to the Conference on Disarmament in connection with the accession of a representative of the Russian Federation to the post of President of the CD.

Please take the necessary steps to have this document issued as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament and distributed among the delegations of all member States of the Conference and non-member States of the Conference which are participating in its work.

(Signed) Grigori V. Berdennikov
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation
to the Conference on Disarmament



MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACCESSION OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO THE POST OF PRESIDENT OF THE CD

Greetings to the participants in the session of the Conference on Disarmament.

The activities of the Conference on Disarmament - the sole forum in which practical talks on disarmament issues are conducted on a multilateral basis and in a global framework - are followed with attention and interest in Russia. Our country strives to contribute to the success of the work of the Conference, whose achievements have earned it well-deserved authority in the eyes of the world community. They include such important international instruments in the field of arms limitation and disarmament as the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the Convention on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the Convention on the Prohibition of Biological and Toxin Weapons, the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, etc.

I should like to assure the participants in the Conference that, in the post of President, Russia will do its utmost to ensure the success of the work of this forum.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) E. PRIMAKOV